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### FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE IN MAY

During May, the United States halibut fleet landed 3,980,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$585,000, at Seattle, as the result of 165 trips to North Pacific grounds.

Compared with May 1941, when a total of 3,878,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$411,000, the 1942 figures represent an increase in volume of 102,000 pounds, and an increase in value of \$174,000, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Species landed in May of this year included 3,674,000 pounds of No. 1 and No. 2 halibut, valued at \$525,000; 82,000 pounds of "lingcod", valued at \$3,300; 8,000 pounds of rockfishes, valued at \$332; and 19,000 pounds of sablefish, valued at \$1,800. In addition, however, there were 197,000 pounds of fish livers and viscera landed at Seattle with a value of \$54,000.

For the five months of 1942, halibut fleet landings at Seattle totaled 6,937,000 pounds, valued at \$1,918,000. For the same period in 1941, landings amounted to 7,588,000 pounds worth \$779,000—a 9 percent decrease in volume, but a 146 percent increase in value!

Miscellaneous local receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 3,996,000 pounds, valued at \$341,000, divided among 24 classifications. Compared with 2,002,000 pounds, valued at \$149,000, received during May 1941, this represents an increase of 1,994,000 pounds, or 99 percent, in volume, and an increase of about \$192,000 or 129 percent, in value.

Pacific coast cold-storage figures for halibut and salmon as reported by 20 warehouses in Washington, Alaska, and British Columbia, indicate 813,000 pounds (as of the period from May 1 to 15) moved, and 4,508,000 pounds in holdings as of May 15.

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Additional receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers show a total, for fresh and frozen fish and shellfish, of 933,000 pounds for May 1942, as against 845,000 pounds in May of last year, a 10 percent increase. Totals for the first five months of each year are at approximately 5.5 and 6.6 million pounds, for 1942 and 1941, respectively.

Average fishermen's prices and price ranges, as paid in Seattle, are also listed in the report; as well as halibut and salmon, and Alaska troll salmon receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers.

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